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Compatriots of South Carolina,

I can hardly believe how quickly the past 2 years have gone by!! I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for allowing me the privilege of serving our Division as your Commander. We are very blessed to have dedicated men serving in all areas and levels of the Division -- Brigade, Division Staff, Camps, and also National -- and my hat's off to all of these devoted members. But, I also want to thank those many, many compatriots who are not in the leadership positions but who "keep it all going" by their work and dedication to the Charge.

Thank you !!

All upcoming events information can be found on our website, scscv.com. Please visit the site for Convention info and registration forms, info about the Jessica Minor fund, the Hunley funeral, Confederate Memorial Day, and much more. My Commander's letter on the website covers these topics in moredepth. I hope to see every Camp in the South Carolina Division represented at our Division Convention/Reunion in Greenville on March 19-20. We will elect new of ficers for the next 2 years, so be there to vote for your Camp. See you there !!!

With kindest regards, Robert H Roper, III • Commander, SC Division SCV

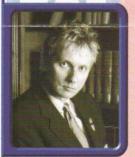
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Greetings Compatriots,

I heps all is well throughout the Gem of Dixie, South Carolina. I am pleased to report that our Division has been continuing to grow. I receive many inquiries a week from interested applicants. I have had the pleasure of visiting many Camps and have met many of the men whose names have passed through my computer and on to their future home camps. It is from this that I have found my greatest sense of purpose in this honorable organization. This growth of the SCV and a general respect for Southern Heritage will continue as long as the Compatriots continue their march forward in the name of TRUTH and HONOR.

In my travels throughout the Division, I have shared the story of the South's misery of Reconstruction. I hope that this has been as enlightening to those who have heard the story as it has been for me. This story of degradation and despair cannot be adequately told in one hour or even one week, but it is one of many

aspects of our history that must be addressed and told to insure the true history is passed on to future generations, so this may never happen to our people again.

Part of the message in these talks has been to keep up the pressure on Congressman Joe Wilson to not pass his bill, H. R. 332. This is the bill to help create a Reconstruction History Park in Beaufort, South Carolina, through the National Park Service. The NPS must never be entrusted with the TRUE history of the South. They have proven their allegiance to the politically correct view of history with their slanted interpretations at Battlefields and even in the former home of our hero, Robert E. Lee. Please continue to write letters to Congressman Joe Wilson. Keep up the pressure and we will win this very important battle.

The Division Convention is coming up on March the 20th. This will mark the end of my term as Lt. Commander and I will be asking for your support as I run for Division Commander. I thank you for all your help over the past two years and I thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to continued growth and a greater presence for the SCV in South Carolina as we strive to vindicate the cause of our Confederate ancestors. I will see you in the trenches. God Bless the South and God Bless the SCV.

Respectfully, Michael Givens . Lt. Commander, South Carolina Division

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SC Division Annual Convention * March 19 - 20, 2004

Hilton Hotel • 45 West Park Drive • Greenville, South Carolina

Compatriots:

The South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans will convene in the beautiful city of Greenville for its annual meeting 20 March 2004. I hope that each of you will be able to attend. Nestled amongst the rolling hills of the Carolina Piedmont, Greenville is the home to the South Carolina Division's oldest active Camp and this year's convention hosts: The Sixteenth Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers Camp #36. Some convention highlights are as follows:

- 1) Friday night reception at The Confederate Museum in downtown Greenville, which is owned and operated by the Greenville camp.
- 2) An original 16th Regiment Bat tle Flag on display courtesy of the SC Confederate Relic Room, along with other period armaments.
- 3) Business meetings in the ballroom of the hotel, and a delicious buffet lunch of chicken, roast beef, vegetables, salad and dessert.
- 4) Saturday events will begin at 8:00 am with a Memorial Service followed by Opening Ceremonies at 9:00.
- 5) An array of vendors will be on display with great Southern gifts, books, and collectible items.

For more detailed descriptive information on the convention and registration log on to the Division Website at: www.scscv.org. Please complete the registration form and return it right away. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

-Regards, Christopher M. Sullivan, Convention Chairman (C.M.Sullivan@att.net or 864-271-6810)

Name:	
Address:	
City/ST/Zip:	
Telephone: Email (optional):	
Camp Name:	
Camp No.: Office held (if any):	
Registration is \$35 per peson for both delegates and visitors, and includes communified, as well as admission to the business meetings for credentialed delegates.	nemorative program, Friday night reception and Saturday luncheon
Make checks out to Camp 36 SCV, and mail to:	Registration(\$35 per person):
Convention Registration, 15 Boyce Ave., Greenville, SC 29601	Late Registration(after March 7 \$45 per person):
Rooms are available at the Hilton at a special rate of \$89 per	Ancestor Memorials(\$5 ea):
night. Call 864-232-4747 for reservations or visit the Hilton	Vendor Tables(\$50 ea):
online at: www.Hilton.com.	
	Total Due:

Directions

The Friday night reception will be at the **Confederate Museum**, which is located at 15 Boyce Ave. Heading towards downtown, I-385 N will be-come E. North St. Boyce is the first possible left turn as you come into town (look for brown signs for the Confederate Museum). The Saturday events (Memorial Service, Business Meetings, and Luncheon) will be at the **Hilton Hotel**, which is located just off of Hay wood Road, (Exit #39 of 1385).

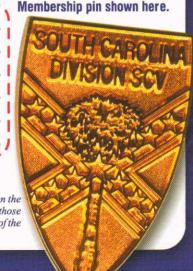
SC Division Life Membership

You can help our cause by becoming a "Life Member" with your payment of \$100.00 which goes towards the support and improvement of the SC Division and leaves you only having to pay your individual camp dues. Along with your proud membership you will receive the Life

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Camp Name:			
Camp No.:	Office held (if any):		

Make checks out to: SC Sons of Confederate Veterans, and mail to: 116 Midland Drive • Graniteville, SC 29829

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."



PALMETTO PATHFINDERS

Compatriots,

We will never have a time when we will not be involved in some type of battle over our Confederate Heritage. It won't happen, so let us renew our commitment to our Charge. However, the venue of the battle will change from time to time. When we achieve a victory, there is another battle in another place that we must also fight.

Such is the case with the South Carolina Division. After the flag legislation in 2000 and the subsequent placement of the flag at the Statehouse Confederate monument, we have laws in place that should protect our symbols, in that context, for the foreseeable future. Although, remember, laws can always be changed. We must be vigilant.

My vision for Confederate Heritage in this state is for our Division to be constantly at work in the proclaiming of the story of the Soldier in Gray and the memorializing of his bravery, honor and duty. That vision also requires capital.

We established the Palmetto Pathfinders initiative with these aims in mind. We are trying to maximize our efforts to make this program known to our members. We need your participation now, more than ever.

Review our application and rendering of the attractive pin that our Compatriots are already wearing. Enlist today. You can join for as little as \$5 a month. Our forefathers did not hesitate. Please, don't you, either.

Sincerely.

Gene Hogan, Chairman Heritage Committee SC Division SCV Build the Heritage Promotion Fund with your three-year commitment.

"How will the funds be used?"
--Assist camps and brigades with projects to promote Confederate Heritage in South Carolina.

- --Increase public awareness of the SCV.
- --Defend attacks on Confederate monuments as well as places named for Confederate Heroes.
- --KEEP THE BATTLE FLAG ON THE STATEHOUSE GROUNDS!

Select your level of payment:

PATHFINDER 180 (\$5 monthly donation) This is the basic level. "180" refers not only to the monetary contribution, but also to the fact that the climate in South Carolina for Confederate Heritage needs to be turned 180 degrees.

COMMANDER'S CLUB (\$10 monthly donation) This level would entitle the contributor to a premium gift(a copy of The South Was Right, or Why Not Freedom?), presented upon completion of their commitment.

DRAWDY MEMORIAL FUND (\$25 monthly donation) This level would also entitle the contributor to the same gift as that of Commander's Club members, plus a free registration to the Division Convention during each year of their commitment. A portion of these funds (\$10/mo.) would be used to establish a scholarship or grant in the name of Vance Drawdy.

All participants will receive a commemorative lapel pin upon completion of their commitment.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY



The South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Memorial Day Services will be held 1 May 2004 in Columbia, S.C. The Services will begin at 10:00 AM at Elmwood Cemetery with this portion conducted by The United Daughters of the Confederacy. The speaker will be Lt. Col. Ron Casteel, U.S. Army Chaplain. The procession from the Elmwood Cemetery to the Statehouse will form and begin fifteen minutes after the conclusion of the UDC Services.

The Statehouse Services conducted by the South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans will begin upon arrival of the procession from the cemetery at the Statehouse which will be approximately 12:00 AM. The speaker will be Chaplain-in-Chief John Weaver and music will be provided by the McGowan Camp Band.

Both services and the procession will be held in a solemn, reverent and respectful manner in honor of our Confederate Ancestors. The re-enactors of the Palmetto Battalion and the ladies of the Order of Confederate Rose will be participating in the ceremonies.

Preceding the May 1st Services, the ladies of the Order of Confederate Rose will conduct the reading of the South Carolina "Roll Call of the Dead at 9:00 AM, 30 April 2004 on the Statehouse steps. This will continue thru that evening with the final few names being read at the Statehouse Service the next day. All SCV members who will be in Columbia on the 30th is urged to assist with their participation in this ceremony. Any member who has not witnessed this ceremony should make an effort to be there. It is a very memorable event.

We urge every SCV member in the state that possibly can to attend and participate and make this a glorious day in memory of our Confederate Ancestors. To participate in the ceremony and for more information, contact Jeanne Weil at: jeannescla@aol.com.

Frank Berry Memorial Day Committee Chairman

PATHFINDER 180 COMMANDER'S CLUB DRAWDY MEMORIAL FUND		
☐ Enclosed is my check for the full amount of my commitment. ☐ I wish to pay in monthly installments. Enclosed is my first check. ☐ I wish to have my account drafted monthly for the level indicated. Enclosed is a check for my first month's commitment. Name:	Makes checks out to: Palmet to Pathfinders 116 Midland Drive Graniteville, SC 29829	
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THESE DON'T FORGET

OFFICE CANDIDATES FOR

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profiles before elections at:

site for candidate statements and

You can log onto the Division web

Irvin Shuler

Clay Martin

Commander this election period are:

Running for the position of Lt.

Eugene Barron

Michael Givens

Commander this election period are:

Running for the position of Division

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"General Robert E. Lee lived an exemplary life. Many books have been written about him. In those books, there are memorable quotes that are worth repeating. One of my favorite quotes by Lee deals with the topic of personal motivation. Lee said, "God's will ought to be our aim, and I am quite contented that His designs should be accomplished and not mine."

Lee's words are relative for today's world. So many people live life with no purpose. It seems that our society has become so selfish that the values that have made us a great nation are now nothing more than trivial suggestions for living. Robert E. Lee understood the importance of faith in God. He knew from firsthand experience that true happiness and success is found in seeking to know God and then do His will.

We should heed the wisdom of General Robert E. Lee. If we are to be faithful to the charge of the SCV, we must not forget or forsake the God of our fathers."

Chief of Staff Rick Barbare.

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You can get a delegate form by contacting

45 to 54 camp members = 5 delegates 35 to 44 camp members = 4 delegates

25 to 34 camp members = 3 delegates

8 to 24 camp members = 2 delegates

Delegation Chairman. It is recommended

camp is entitled. One must be the

number of voting delegates that your

following example to determine the

will have voting privileges. Use the

delegates elected by the camp and listed

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good standing as well. All camp members

Each delegate participating must be in

dues at Division and International HQ).

standing(at least 8 members current on

required that a camp be in good

For participation in convention, it is

that you select 2 afternates as well:

Bobby Eubanks Division Chaplain SC Division SCV

> members understand who will be delegate and communicate so that your Convention in Greenville this year. Please your camp is properly represented at our Camp Commanders please be sure that

responsible for bringing the following.

(1) Camp Colors

(2) Stand for the Flag

during opening ceremonies. (3) Who will bring in the camp colors

your camp to participate in the elections.) (4) Camp Credentials (This is needed for

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Division Convention Planning Committee Allen Kelly

Chairman

Representative Jack Marlar for additional information. Our youth is our future! be June 26-July 3rd in Alexander Stephens State Park, Grawfordsville, Georgia. Contact Field are encouraged to sponsor at least one young man for this camp. This year the Sam Davis Camp will planning to support sending a young man to the Sam Davis Youth Camp this summer. SCV camps Sam Davis Summer Camp! Attention all SCV members! Please be thinking and

of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

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